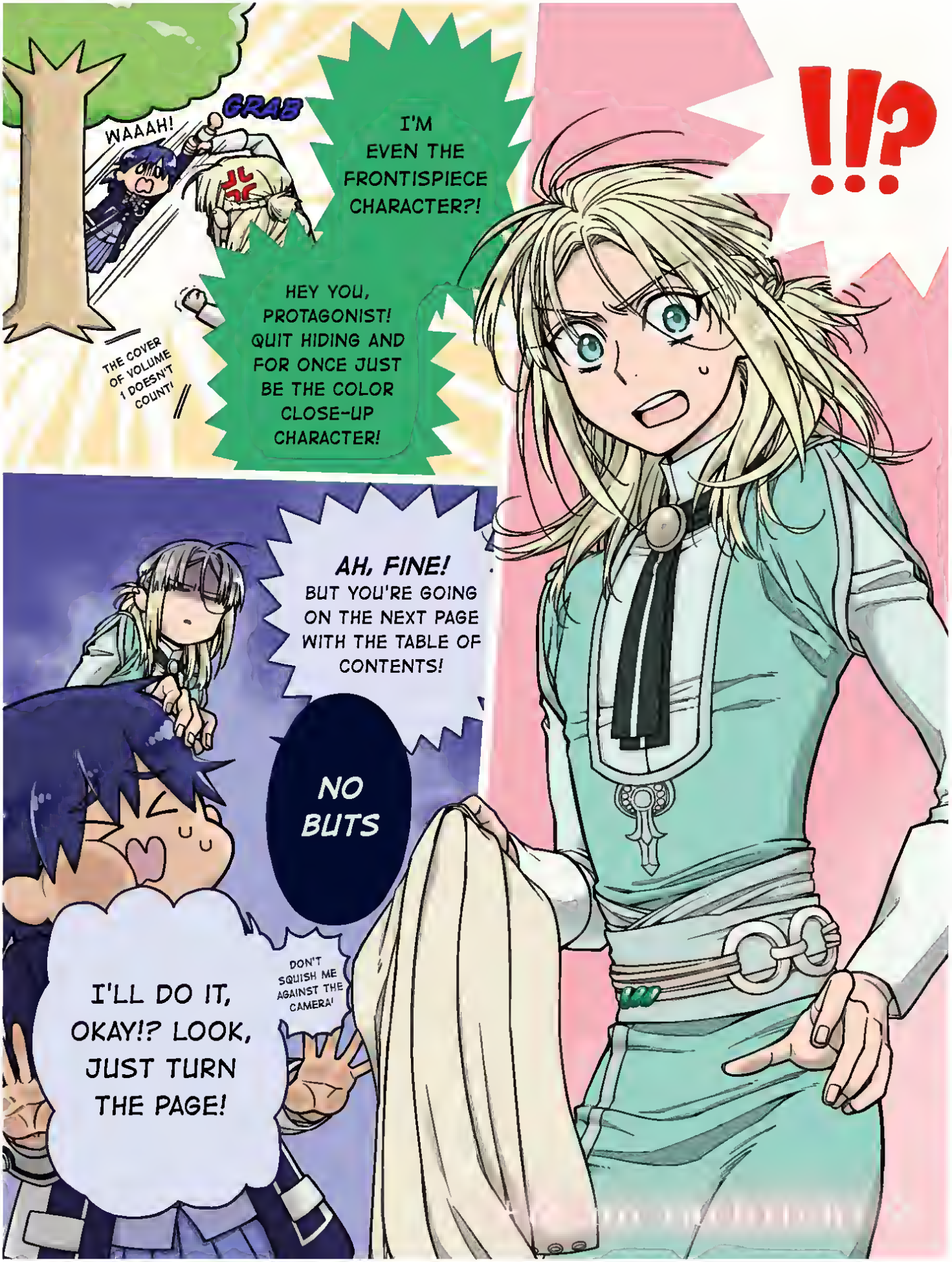
vol.2
+α status
Yu Geni Presents
月煮ゆう


WAAAH!
GRAB
THE COVER OF VOLUME 1 DOESN'T COUNT!
I'M EVEN THE FRONTISPIECE CHARACTER?!
HEY YOU, PROTAGONIST! QUIT HIDING AND FOR ONCE JUST BE THE COLOR CLOSE-UP CHARACTER!
!!?
AH, FINE! BUT YOU'RE GOING ON THE NEXT PAGE WITH THE TABLE OF CONTENTS!
NO BUTS
DON'T SQUISH ME AGAINST THE CAMERA!
I'LL DO IT, OKAY!? LOOK, JUST TURN THE PAGE!

Contents

Ch. 8 ……5

Ch. 9 ……37

Ch. 10 ……63

Ch. 11 ……89

Ch. 12 ……113

Final Ch. ……137

CHAPTER
8

NOT EVERYONE WANTS TO BECOME THE "MAIN CHARACTER"
BEING A MAIN CHARACTER... BEING A HERO AND RESPONSIBILITY GO HAND IN HAND
I DON'T HAVE THE CONFIDENCE OR THE AMBITION TO CARRY SUCH A BURDEN
WHAT DID YOU CALL IT... "THE CENTER OF ATTENTION"?
THAT SOUNDS LIKE HELL!
A NIGHT-MARE OF ANXIETY, FEAR, AND REMORSE! THAT'S ALL IT COULD EVER BE!

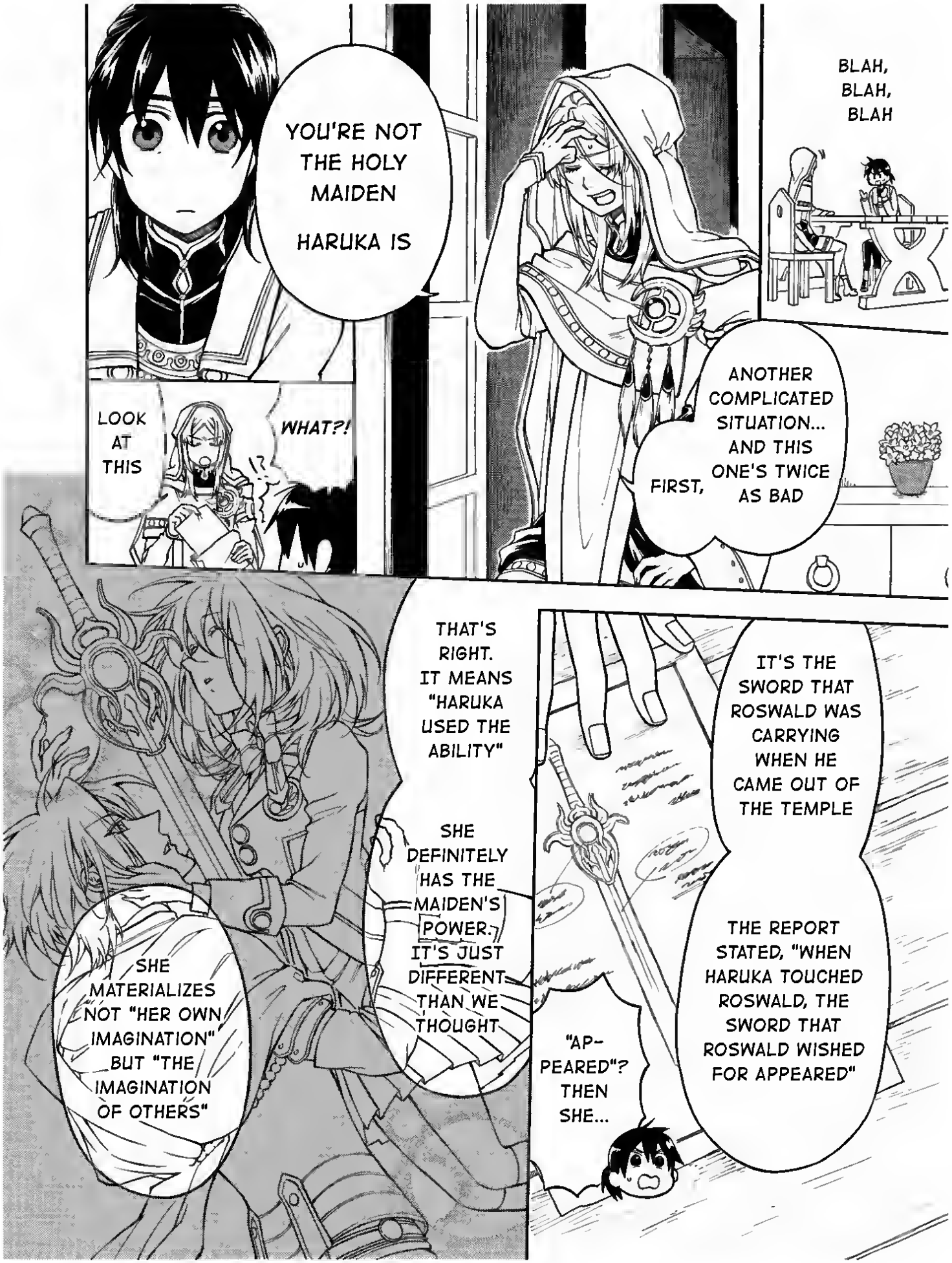
THAT'S WHY I DON'T WANT TO BE THE HOLY MAIDEN
I KNOW THIS IS COWARDLY
BUT I THINK SAYING, "IF I TRY MY BEST, I CAN BE THE HOLY MAIDEN!" WOULD BE SELFISH, TOO
...STILL
I HAVE TO GIVE THIS MAN SOME ANSWER, THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS...
...HEY
WHEN YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO CHALLENGE ME IT MADE ME VERY HAPPY
THOUGH I'M NOT TRYING TO STAND OUT
I GUESS I DO FEEL GOOD ABOUT BEING PRAISED, AFTER ALL
HMM...
OH! SORRY! I WAS JUST CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR FINGER-TIP STRUCTURE, SO...
WOULD YOU STOP PLAYING WITH MY FINGERS?

WELL, YOU'RE DOING IT WHETHER YOU WANT TO OR NOT
WHAT !??
THUMP
FLAP
FINALLY FOUND YOU, OBDUMMY-SAN!
B-B-But I haven't agreed to-
YEAH
CUT IT OUT AND COME HOME, OR I'LL SNAP THOSE HORNS RIGHT OFF YOUR HEAD!
AW MAN, ZARABI!
BUT I WANT TO DO IT, SO IT'S FINE
AH, I FORGOT HE WAS LIKE THAT!
DEJA VU!
EH- WAIT!
IT'S FIIINE, DON'T WORRY!
OH WELL, I GUESS I'LL HEAD HOME FOR TODAY

FLAP FLAP
AAAH! HE LEFT!
TAP
ARE YOU THE WEAPON-CREATING GIRL?
I HEARD FROM OBDIMA-SAN
CREAK
TH-THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANT AT ALL!
LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!
THE NEXT TIME WE FIGHT, I'LL MAKE SURE IT'S HUGE AND POWERFUL FOR YOU!
POINT
TRYING TO STAY ALIVE AS AN "ORDINARY CITIZEN"
WOULD PROBABLY NOT WORK OUT WELL FOR YOU
HONESTLY, WE HAVE NEITHER THE TIME NOR THE DESIRE TO FILL YOUR SUPERIORS IN ON THE TRUTH, SO WE'LL JUST LEAVE YOU LIKE THIS
AFTER ALL, CUTTING OFF THE ENEMY'S POWER AT ITS ROOT IS ONE OF THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL STRATEGIES OF WAR
HOWEVER, NOW THAT WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE "THE ABILITY WIELDER", YOU'LL BE OUR NUMBER ONE TARGET IN THE NEXT BATTLE

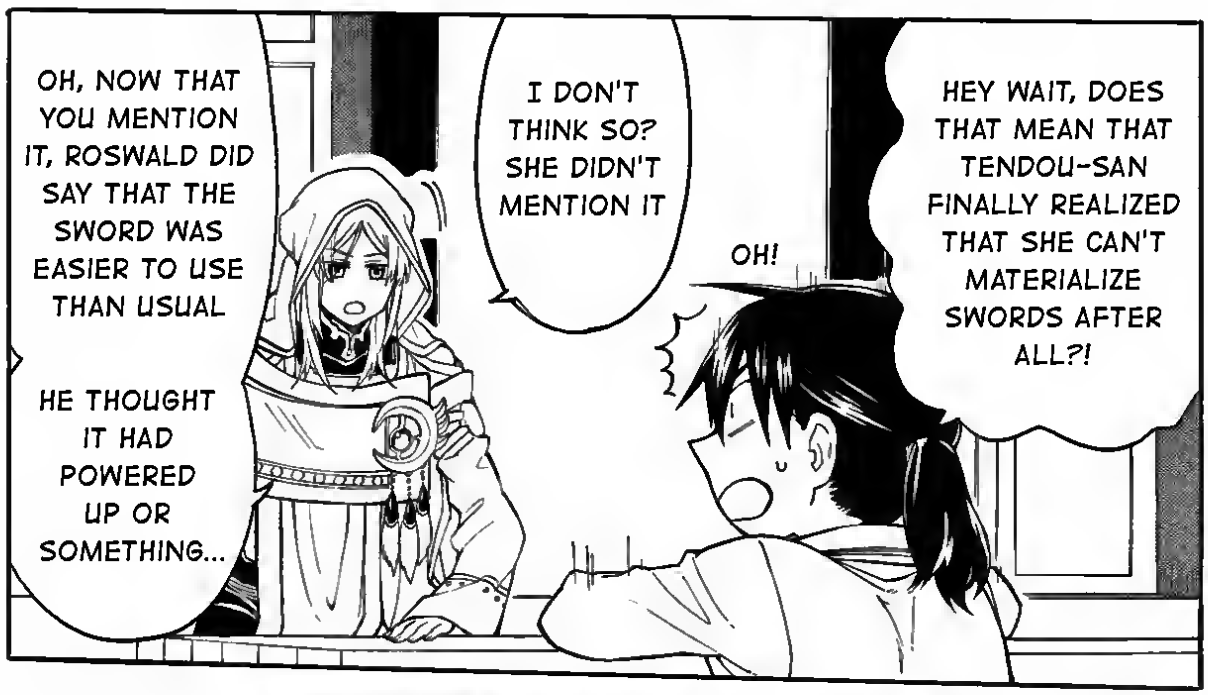
...TH-
FLAP
BYE!
AH, THIS SPECIAL CONSIDER-ATION WAS FOR TODAY ONLY
NEXT MOR-NING
THE NEXT RUIN SITE IS A BIT FAR, SO FIRST WE'LL RETURN TO THE CAPITAL AND TAKE A BREAK
OKAY.
Master, I have some-thing to tell you when we get back...
AH, ME TOO...
ONLY HUGE AND STR-ONG!
SPECIAL COURSE
THEY JUST ANNOUNCED MY DEATH...

SEVERAL DAYS LATER
THE CAPITAL CITY
SA-TO-KI'S HOUSE
I AM EXTREMELY SORRY
BUT WOULD YOU PLEASE SAVE ME?
WHAT'S WITH THAT POSE? ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?
I REMEMBER YOU DID THAT BEFORE, TOO
AAH!!!
I FORGOT, BOWING IS A JAPANESE FORM OF EXPRESSION!
WHAT IS THIS WORLD'S-- NO, THIS COUNTRY'S-- STRONGEST FORM OF APOLOGY?
PLEASE TEACH ME, AND I'LL DO IT!
I GOT IT, YOU DID SOMETHING INCREDIBLY STUPID. I UNDERSTAND, SO JUST CALM DOWN


YOU'RE NOT THE HOLY MAIDEN
HARUKA IS
LOOK AT THIS
WHAT?!
BLAH, BLAH, BLAH
FIRST, ANOTHER COMPLICATED SITUATION... AND THIS ONE'S TWICE AS BAD
IT'S THE SWORD THAT ROSWALD WAS CARRYING WHEN HE CAME OUT OF THE TEMPLE
THE REPORT STATED, "WHEN HARUKA TOUCHED ROSWALD, THE SWORD THAT ROSWALD WISHED FOR APPEARED"
"AP-PEARED"? THEN SHE...
THAT'S RIGHT. IT MEANS "HARUKA USED THE ABILITY"
SHE DEFINITELY HAS THE MAIDEN'S POWER. IT'S JUST DIFFERENT THAN WE THOUGHT
SHE MATERIALIZES NOT "HER OWN IMAGINATION" BUT "THE IMAGINATION OF OTHERS"

SO BASED ON THIS EVIDENCE I CONJECTURE THAT THE TRUE ABILITY OF THE HOLY MAIDEN IS...
IN ADDITION, THE ANCIENT LANGUAGE WRITTEN ON THE WALLS DESCRIBED "OFFERINGS OF IMAGINATION" AND "READING OF HEARTS"
AND THIS IS THE RELIEF WE DISCOVERED IN THE TEMPLE
TENDOU-SAN'S ABILITY
THEREFORE...
WHICH FITS...
"MATERIALIZING THE IMAGINATION OF *OTHERS*"
KEEP IT DOWN!
SHOVE
BUT WHAT ABOUT MY POWERS? DOESN'T THAT SHOW THAT THE RECORDS ARE INCORRECT OR SOMETHING?
I JUMPED TO THE WRONG CONCLUSION?!
I WAS RIGHT
TENDOU-SAN IS THE REAL HOLY MAIDEN!
IN OTHER WORDS

NOW WE KNOW THAT TENDOU-SAN IS THE TRUE HOLY MAIDEN AND WHAT HER REAL ABILITY IS
OH WELL, IT'S FINE. ANYWAY,
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?
ONLY FRAG-MENTS REMAIN
THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS, ALRIGHT? MANY PARTS ARE MISSING FROM THE HOLY MAIDEN RECORDS


OH, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, ROSWALD DID SAY THAT THE SWORD WAS EASIER TO USE THAN USUAL
HE THOUGHT IT HAD POWERED UP OR SOMETHING...
I DON'T THINK SO? SHE DIDN'T MENTION IT
OH!
HEY WAIT, DOES THAT MEAN THAT TENDOU-SAN FINALLY REALIZED THAT SHE CAN'T MATERIALIZE SWORDS AFTER ALL?!

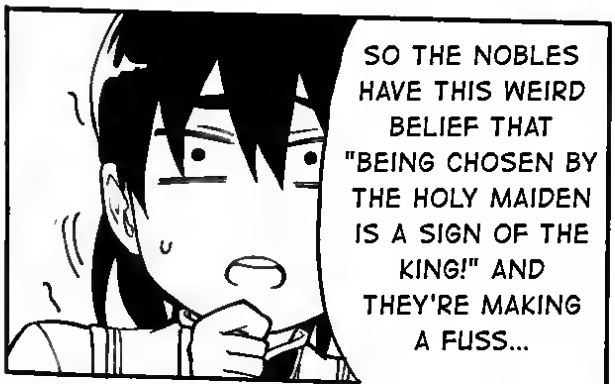
...SO THAT MEANS THERE AREN'T REALLY ANY PROBLEMS
POWERED UP... I SEE! THEY THINK THAT THE FEEL OF THE SWORD CHANGED BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE SHE POWERED UP AT THE TEMPLE!

I'VE BEEN RELEASED FROM MY DUTY, RIGHT?!!
THE BURDEN OF RESPONSI-BILITY HAS BEEN HANDED OVER, WHICH MEANS...
Oh, yeah...
YOU HAVE TOO MANY MOOD SWINGS
KNOCK! KNOCK
I NEED TO RETURN TO WORK. REGARDING THE SITUATION WITH THE ENEMY AND THE QUESTION OF WHY YOU HOLD AN ABILITY, WE'LL HAVE TO GRADUALLY-
THE ENEMY FORCES STILL CONSIDER YOU THEIR MAIN TARGET, THOUGH
YES-SSS-SSS, VIIIC-TOO-RYYY!!!

EXCUSE ME
THE HOLY MAIDEN HAS ASKED FOR YOU
TENDOU-SAN...?
PALACE COURTYARD
SORRY FOR SUDDENLY CALLING YOU HERE...
NO PROB! IT'S FINE!
I DIDN'T KNOW WHO ELSE I COULD ASK FOR ADVICE...
IS SOME-THING THE MAT-TER?
YES... IT SEEMS LIKE ROS IS GOING TO BE EXILED FROM THE COUNTRY
Huh?! Wh-Why?!

BUT DURING ROS'S FATHER'S TIME, THEY WERE ALLOWED BACK IN
AND SO ROS BECAME A KNIGHT HERE
THE PROBLEM IS THAT...
IT'S BECOME CLEAR THAT I HAVE TO CHOOSE ONE OR THE OTHER OF THEM
YOU KNOW, ROS IS ACTUALLY DESCENDED FROM THE FORMER ROYAL FAMILY
FORMER?!
A FEW HUNDRED YEARS AGO, THE KING AT THE TIME WAS A TERRIBLE PERSON
THE CAPTAIN OF THE KNIGHTS COULDN'T TAKE IT AND STARTED A REBELLION, ESTABLISHING THE CURRENT ROYAL FAMILY'S DYNASTY
SINCE THEN, THE FORMER ROYAL FAMILY HAS BEEN EXILED FROM THE COUNTRY

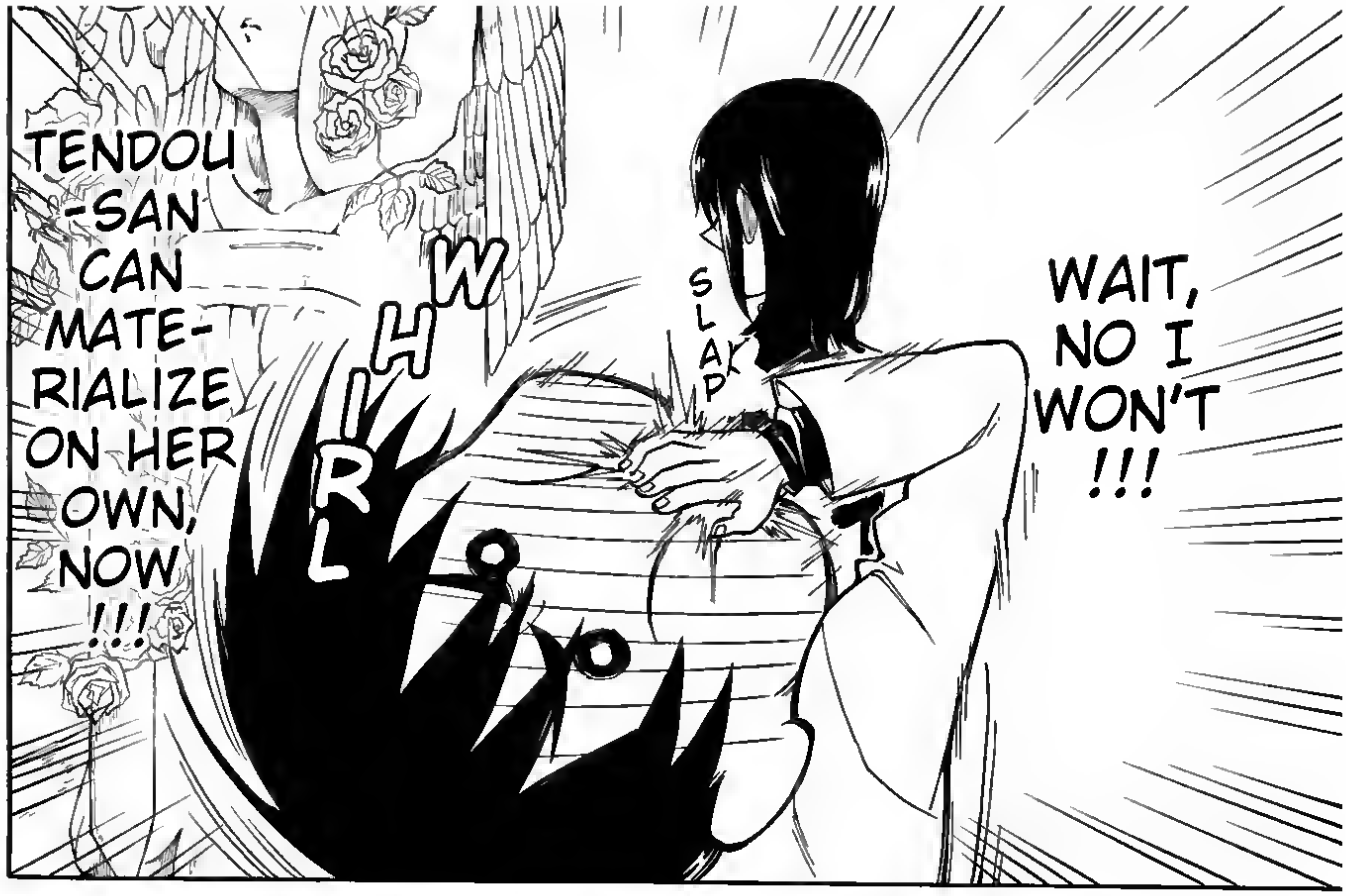
WHAT A BIG INFO DUMP...
CHOOSE?
YEAH. YOU KNOW, THE HOLY MAIDEN
HAS FOR GENERATIONS ALWAYS TAKEN THE "KING" AS HER HUSBAND


SO THE NOBLES HAVE THIS WEIRD BELIEF THAT "BEING CHOSEN BY THE HOLY MAIDEN IS A SIGN OF THE KING!" AND THEY'RE MAKING A FUSS...

AND ROS EVEN TOLD ME HE WOULD USE THAT TO TRY TO REGAIN THE THRONE...
AND IT SEEMS THAT MATERIA-LIZING THE SWORD OF EGIN FOR ROS AT THE TEMPLE WAS THE FINAL BLOW

HUS-BAND?!!
WAH!
IT-IT'S NOT REQUIRED OR ANYTHING!
THAT'S JUST HOW IT WORKED OUT FOR A LONG TIME, SO IT BECAME TRADITION!

"I WANT TO KNOW YOUR TRUE FEELINGS"
THE KING SAID HE WOULD CALM THINGS DOWN
BUT BEFORE HE DOES THAT, HE WANTS ME TO MAKE A DECISION
"WHICH OF US DO YOU TRULY WANT BY YOUR SIDE?"
OR THE DESCENDENT OF THE FIRST HOLY MAIDEN'S TRUE LOVE?
THE CURRENT KING?
WHAT A TERRIBLE DEVELOP-MENT!
IF SHE DOESN'T HURRY AND TELL ME WHICH ONE SHE'S GOING TO CHOOSE, I'LL BE IN TROUB...
WHA...
IN TWO DAYS, THEY WANT ME TO MATERIALIZE A SWORD AT THE TEMPLE FOR THE ONE I CHOOSE...
I...


TENDOU-SAN CAN MATE-RIALIZE ON HER OWN, NOW !!!
WHIRL
SLAP
WAIT, NO I WON'T !!!

BUT ROMANTIC ADVICE... CAN I REALLY HELP?
WELL,
WHAT DO *YOU* WANT TO DO, TENDOU-SAN?
WHEW, CALM DOWN
ME?

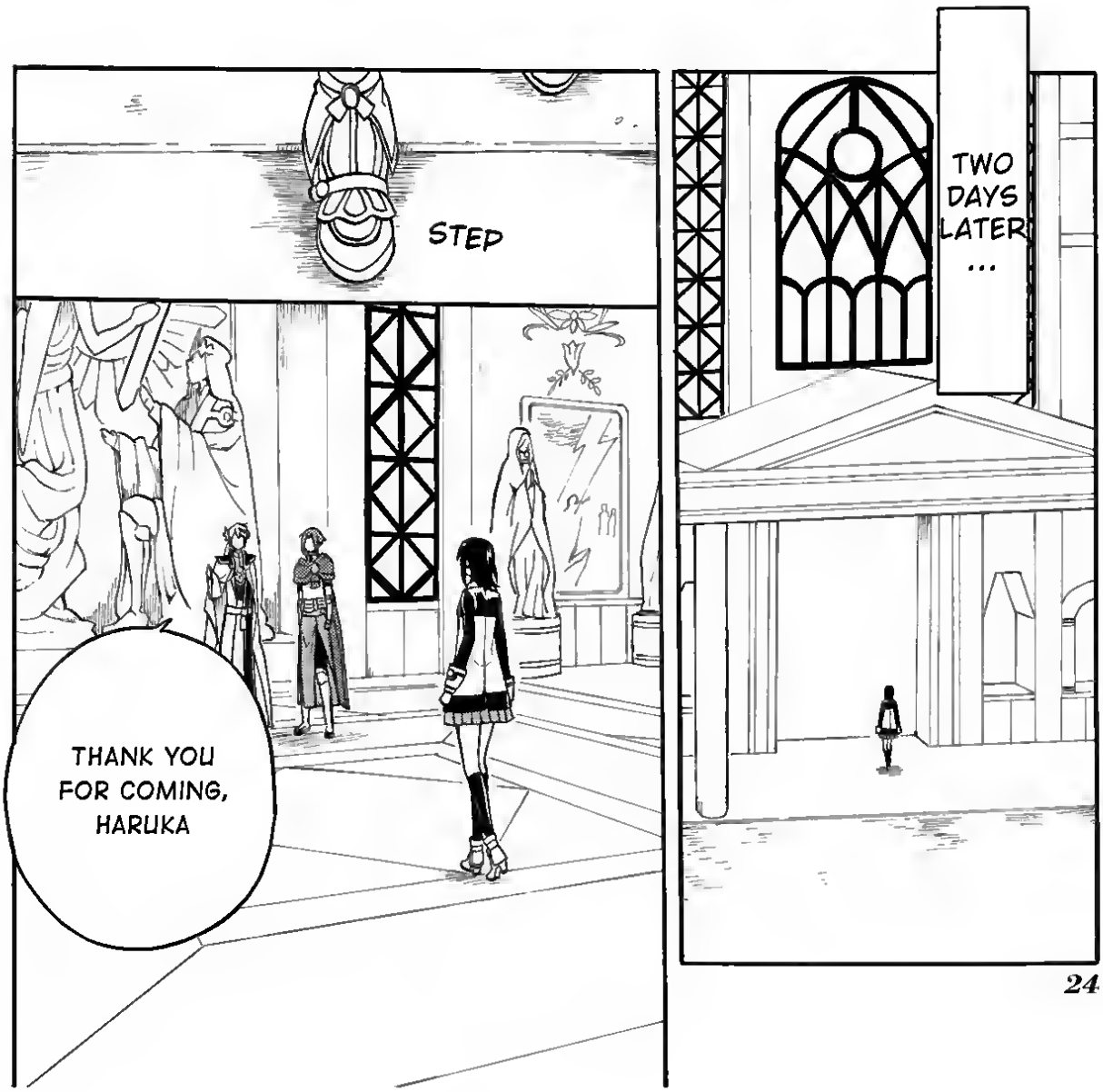
TREMBLE
WHAT A RELIEF!!!
AHH, I CAN RELAX! I CAN FINALLY ENJOY THIS SITUATION! SERIOUSLY, THANK YOU, GOD!!!
A-ARE YOU OK?
THE WORST

Oho!
A GIRL IN LOVE IS SO CUTE!
I WANT TO BE WITH ROSWALD
I... WANT TO SUPPORT ROS
UH, OKAY, YEAH, THAT'S TRUE
POLITICAL PROBLEMS TOO...
THIS ISN'T REALLY ROMANTIC COUNSELING!
BUT I DON'T KNOW IF THE NOBLES AND SOLDIERS WILL BE SATISFIED WITH THAT...
IF EVERYONE'S AGAINST IT, IT MIGHT EVEN AFFECT THE WAR
I THINK THAT BOTH OF THEM WILL SUPPORT YOU NO MATTER WHAT YOUR CHOICE IS!
I... GUESS SO
B-BUT YOU KNOW, LIKE THE KING SAID, DON'T THINK ABOUT YOUR STATUS OR THE COUNTRY
HE JUST WANTS TO KNOW YOUR PERSONAL FEELINGS, DON'T YOU THINK?

ISN'T IT OKAY TO TRUST THEM A LITTLE MORE?
...
...YEAH
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT!
AND I DON'T WANT TO LIE TO THEM EITHER!
NOT AT ALL!
THANK YOU SO MUCH, HOUMA-SAN!
HEHE, SO CUTE!
HOLY MAIDEN, IT'S TIME...
AH, SORRY, I'VE GOTTA GO!
OKAY!
I THOUGHT THIS MIGHT HAPPEN. IN THE END, SHE'S JUST A YOUNG GIRL

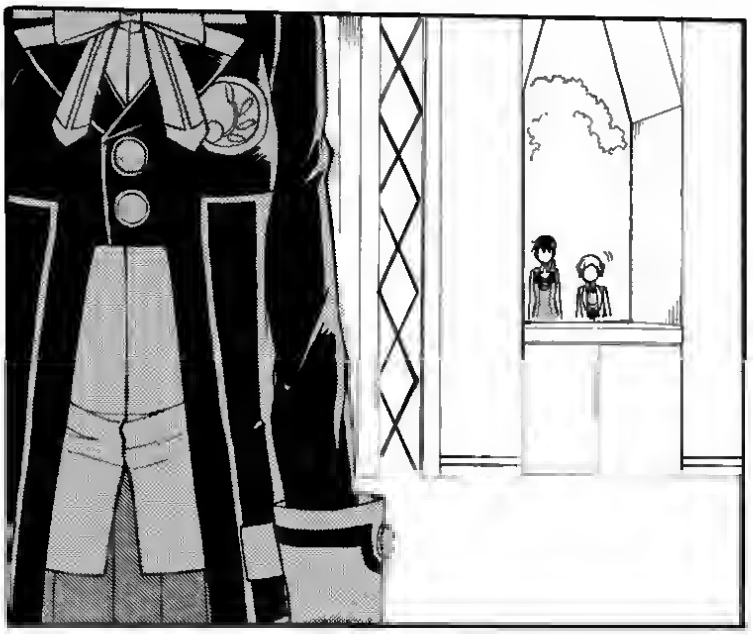
TO THINK MY BROTHER FORCED SUCH A DIFFICULT CHOICE ONTO HARUKA-SAN...
I'VE BEEN WORRIED. I'VE SEEN HER CHEERFUL SMILE SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR SOMETIMES
EVERYONE IS FORGETTING THE FACT THAT SHE'S JUST A YOUNG GIRL
WHOA, YOU SURPRISED ME! NETIKA-SAMA, WERE YOU LISTENING TO US?
I APOLOGIZE, BUT YES, I HEARD EVERYTHING
SO, SATOKI-SAN...
I DON'T WANT HARUKA-SAN TO MAKE THE WRONG CHOICE
"YOUNG"... I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM A LITTLE BOY

WILL YOU COOPERATE WITH ME?

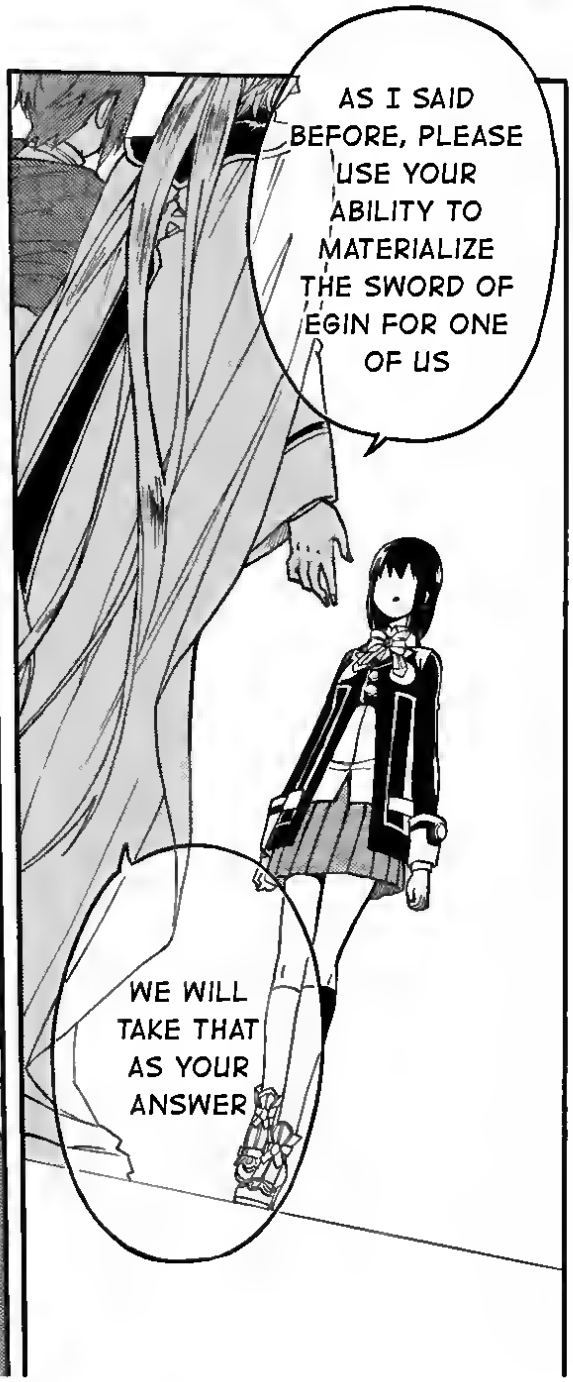

STEP
THANK YOU FOR COMING, HARUKA
TWO DAYS LATER...

THE DAY HAS COME
I KNOW IT'S A LITTLE UNFAIR TO YOU BUT EVEN SO...
I WANT TO KNOW YOUR TRUE FEELINGS

STEP
FINALLY, THE TIME HAS COME



LET'S OBSERVE THEM

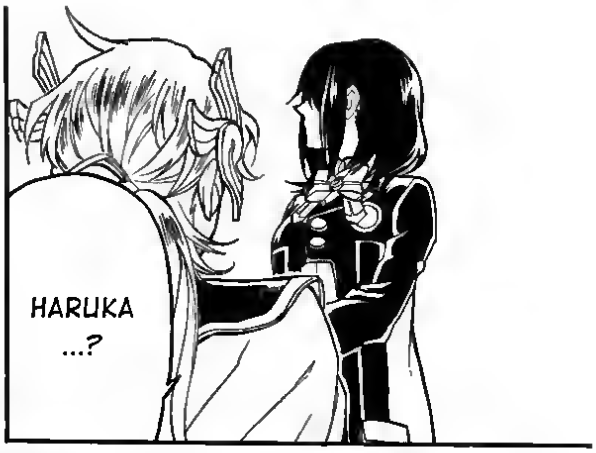

AS I SAID BEFORE, PLEASE USE YOUR ABILITY TO MATERIALIZE THE SWORD OF EGIN FOR ONE OF US
WE WILL TAKE THAT AS YOUR ANSWER

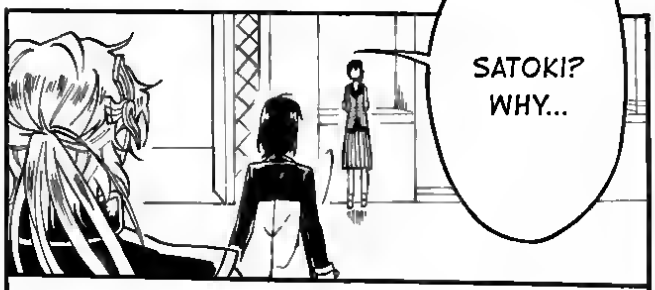
THE SWORD OF EGIN WAS THE FIRST THING BESTOWED UPON HUMANS BY THE FIRST HOLY MAIDEN
IT'S THE "ROYAL SWORD" THAT MADE THAT MAN A KING
BUT BEYOND THAT, THE TWO OF THEM WERE DEEPLY IN LOVE
HARUKA, I WANT YOU, NOT AS THE HOLY MAIDEN ...

BUT AS YOURSELF
TO MAKE YOUR CHOICE
I'LL BE FINE
IT WAS JUST AS HOUMA-SAN SAID IT WOULD BE
I ALREADY MADE MY DECISION
NOT AS THE HOLY MAIDEN
AND NOT FOR THE SAKE OF THE NATION
BUT FROM MY HEART
HERE, NOW, I'LL BE COMPLETELY HONEST

A
R
E
F
L
A
I'LL GIVE MY ANSWER ...
...AH!
HARUKA!
DOES THIS MEAN...

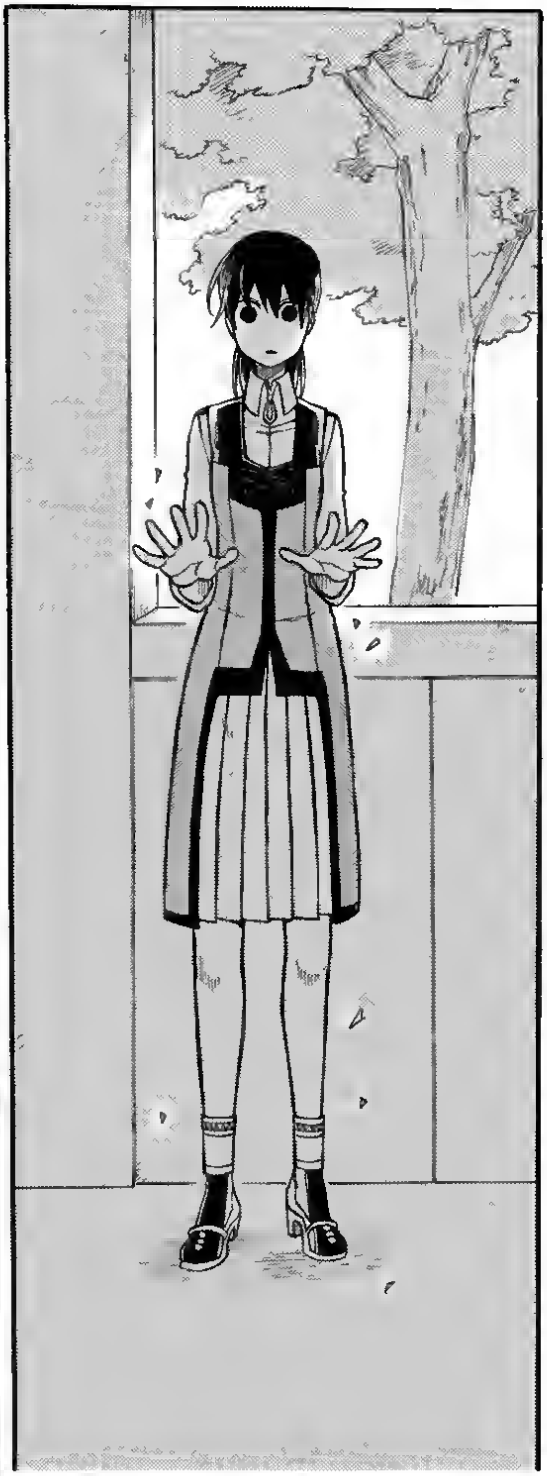
I SEE
HOW
IT IS
EH?
HARUKA
ROS!
I AM TRULY HAPPY
I WAS SURE YOU'D ALREADY CHOSEN HIM...
BUT YOU CHOSE ME
ROS
...


HARUKA
...?


SATOKI?
WHY...

TAP

I...



I FOUND OUT SOME TIME ALONG THE WAY
AND I CONFIRMED IT FOR SURE AT THE TEMPLE RUINS
HAVE KNOWN FOR A WHILE THAT YOU WERE MATERIALIZING THINGS
STILL!
.....
.....
I THOUGHT YOU HAD A REASON FOR KEEPING IT HIDDEN
AND I DIDN'T WANT TO EXPOSE YOU IN FRONT OF THE ENEMY, SO I KEPT QUIET
AND I COULDN'T FIND A TIME TO ASK YOU ABOUT IT
YOU WERE FILLING IN FOR MY "ABILITY"
AND YOU DID IT SO WELL IT FELT LIKE I WAS DOING IT MYSELF

YOU KNEW WHAT MY FEELINGS WERE
SO WHY COULDN'T YOU DO IT THIS TIME?
THE FEELINGS I SHARED WERE MINE!
NOT YOURS!
BUT I'M THE HOLY MAIDEN!
WAS IT WRONG FOR THE HOLY MAIDEN'S DECISION?
UH
IF YOU WANT ME TO BE THE HOLY MAIDEN
THEN FOLLOW MY WILL!!!

BESIDES, I CAN CONJURE THINGS ON MY OWN, NOW!
……
HARUKA?!
I'M VERY SORRY, YOUR HIGHNESS!
I'M ACTUALLY GOING WITH ROSWALD
…
PHEW
EXCELLENT WORK!

THANK YOU, "SHADOW MAIDEN"
YOU WERE ABLE TO STOP THE WRONG CHOICE FROM BEING MADE
YOU HAVE SAVED THIS COUNTRY
NETIKA?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHAT WAS HARUKA TALKING ABOUT?
THAT "FAKE" HOLY MAIDEN WHO WAS TRYING TO DECIDE FOR HERSELF IS OUT OF THE PICTURE
WHAT DID SHE MEAN, "IF YOU WANT ME TO BE THE HOLY MAIDEN"?
MY DEAR BROTHER ...

THAT GIRL WAS
A FRAUD
DURING THE SUMMONING, SHE WAS SWITCHED IN BY ROSWALD. SHE WAS ACTUALLY A SPY FROM ROSWALD'S FACTION
SHE ACCEPTED HIM, AFTER ALL
EVEN JUST NOW, HARUKA ATTEMPTED TO CHOOSE ROSWALD
THE ONE WHO BROUGHT THIS TO LIGHT WAS SATOKI, THE "HOLY MAIDEN'S TRUE EMISSARY"
ROSWALD COERCED POOR SATOKI INTO HELPING TO MAKE HARUKA THE HOLY MAIDEN
WHAT ARE YOU-
AND FURTHER-MORE

DEAREST BROTHER, LET ME INTRODUCE TO YOU AGAIN...
OUR LONG INVESTI-GATION HAS FINALLY SUC-CEEDED
WE HAVE BROUGHT THE *REAL* HOLY MAIDEN UNDER OUR PROTECTION
...!?
SATOKI'S ONE AND ONLY RIGHTFUL MASTER,
OUR TRUE HOLY MAIDEN

WOW, THINGS ARE REALLY HEATING UP! HONESTLY SATOKI DOESN'T SEEM AS CAPABLE A PROTAGONIST AS I THOUGHT SHE'D BE. BUT WE'LL SEE WHERE THINGS GO... IN OTHER NEWS, IT'S KIND OF SILLY AT THIS POINT TO PRETEND WE'RE NOT GOING TO TRY TO FINISH THIS. PLEASE DON'T ASK ABOUT TIMELINES, THOUGH; I HAVE NO IDEA HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE. THANKS FOR READING!

REHOSTING POLICY: I DON'T CARE ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT SO FEEL FREE TO RESIZE THIS OR PUT IT ANYWHERE. THE ORIGINAL IS ON BATOTO. JUST DON'T REMOVE THIS PAGE OR CLAIM IT AS YOUR OWN WORK. THANKS!

TRANSLATOR: PLUMJUICE
REDRAWER: BLACK-AGEHA